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SUBJECT: SIT REP

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1. ON EVENING OF 14 JAN I HEARD TWO BOMBS EXPLODE IN ASMARA. LATER REPORTS INDICATE THEY WERE AT POST OFFICE, BUT CAUSED LITTLE DAMAGE AND NO INJURIES. I HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS THAT TWO OTHER BOMBS ALSO EXPLODED LAST NIGHT, ONE NEAR A POLICE GARAGE.

2. I HAVE RECEIVED CONFLICTING REPORTS ON WHEREABOUTS OF GEN. GOITOM, ERITREAN POLICE COMMISSIONER. A CONGEN DIRVER REPORTED SEEING HIM AT THE AIRPORT THIS MORNING GREETING COL. HABTEMARIAM GABREJESUS, WHO WAS RETURNING FROM ADDIS ABABA. OTHER SOURCES, SOME OF WHICH HAVE TALKED TO MEMBERS OF GEN. GOITOM'S FAMILY, STATE THAT GEN. GOITOM HAS DEFECTED TO ELF. ONE SOURCE REPORTS THAT SOME POLICE ARE CRITICIZING GEN. GOITOM FOR LEAVING, SAYING

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THAT HE COULD HAVE BEEN MORE EFFECTIVE IN THE POLICE AND THAT HE

RAN TO SAVE HIS SKIN. COMMENT: IT IS TOO EARLY TO PREDICT HOW MANY POLICE OR COMMANDO POLICE WILL FOLLOW GEN. GOITOM, EVEN THOUGH I HAVE REPORTS OF 2 OTHER POLICE THAT HAVE DEFECTED IN LAST 72 HOURS. COL. HABTEMARIAM, ALSO AN ERITREAN, WAS SCHEDULED TO RETIRE ALONG WITH 45 OTHER ERITREAN POLICEMEN AT THE END OF JANUARY. GEN. GOITOM HAD UOGUGHT TO KEEP COL. HABTEMARIAM, WHO IS NOW HIS APPARENT SUCCESSOR, ON THE POLICE FORCE. COL. HABTEMARIAM, WHO WAS FORMERLY CO OF COMMANDO POLICE, WAS MOST RECENTLY ERITREAN DEP. POLICE COMMISSIONER.

3. I HAVE RECEIVED UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT 6 TOP MEMBERS OF NORTHERN DIRG DEPARTED ASMARA THIS MORNING FOR ADDIS ABABA.
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